

REMARKS

In response to the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 to elect a single invention for prosecution in this application, the applicant elects Group 2 consisting of claims 16-29.

Applicant traverses this restriction requirement because all the groups of claims in the application can be examined based on a single search without unreasonable burden on the examiner. There is no good sustentative reason for the examiner insisting on this restriction.

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Respectfully submitted,

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